



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

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Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE

1. MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

To apply for and obtain a marriage license on the same day, **both applicants** must appear together at the Office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in Norwalk or at a district office to complete an application and have it submitted to the cashier no later than 4 p.m. (or 3:30 p.m. at District Offices). The processing time to complete the license is 1 hour. For same day service we recommend that you be at the office by 3 p.m. When applications are submitted after 4 p.m. at Norwalk or 3:30 p.m. at the District Offices, the couple may pick up the license together on the following business day.

2. PROOF OF AGE

A valid California I.D., driver's license, passport or alien resident card must be presented as proof of age. A certified birth certificate or baptismal record and a picture form of identification issued by a government agency will also be accepted for that purpose. Documents must be in English. If the document is in another language, it must be accompanied by a certified English translation. Documentation which has expired is not acceptable.

Anyone under 18 must also provide a notarized parent or guardian consent statement and a Superior Court Order granting the minor permission to marry. Please call this office for more information about these requirements (562) 462-2137.

3. Applicants who were previously married or part of a State Registered Domestic Partnership must present a **copy of dissolution/annulment papers** if the termination occurred within two years or less. Applicants who are currently legally married in another state or country can not obtain a marriage license unless that marriage is terminated. Proof of termination will be required.
4. Applicants who are marrying the same partner, who each entered into a State Registered Domestic Partnership, must present a copy of the Declaration of Domestic Partnership.

5. MARRIAGE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Public Marriage License Fee: \$70

A marriage license is valid for 90 days from the date it was obtained. The marriage license can be used only within the State of California. At least one witness must be present at the ceremony.

- B. Confidential Marriage License Fee: \$70

Applicants (not minors) must be living together as spouses. **A Confidential Marriage License is valid for 90 days and must be used in the county where it is issued.** A confidential marriage license is not a public record. Information pertaining to the facts of marriage can be obtained by the couple or by court order.

6. CIVIL CEREMONY Fee: \$25

Must bring witness civil marriage ceremonies are performed at the Norwalk Office Monday through Friday (except holidays) **by appointment only**. The Beverly Hills district office will schedule a ceremony on Thursday's **by appointment only**. The East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, Lancaster, LAX Airport and Van Nuys District Offices will schedule a ceremony on Friday **by appointment only**. Please contact each office at the number listed below to schedule an appointment.

7. LOCATIONS WHERE A MARRIAGE LICENSE CAN BE OBTAINED

NORWALK

12400 Imperial Highway, Room 1002

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(562) 462-2137

LANCASTER

1028 W. Avenue J2

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(661) 945-6446

BEVERLY HILLS

9355 Burton Way, 1st Floor

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

(310) 288-1261

LAX AIRPORT

11701 S. La Cienega Blvd., 6th Floor

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(310) 727-6142

LOS ANGELES

4716 E. Cesar E. Chavez Ave. (Formerly Brooklyn Ave.)

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(323) 260-2991

CATALINA BRANCH COURT (By Appointment Only)

Avalon, CA 90704

Office Hours: 8: a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

(310) 510-0026

VAN NUYS

14340 West Sylvan Street

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

(818) 374-7176

FLORENCE FIRESTONE

7807 S. Compton Ave., Rm. 215

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(323) 586-6192

INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAME EQUALITY ACT OF 2007

One or both parties to a marriage may elect to change the middle or last names by which that party wishes to be known after they are married by entering the new name in fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license application ***at the time they are applying for the marriage license***. The parties may choose any of the following ***middle or last names*** as the name they wish to be known as after marriage [FC § 306.5(b)(2)]:

- ◆ Current last name of the other spouse
- ◆ Last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A name combining into a ***single last name*** all or a segment of the current last name or last name of either spouse given at birth
- ◆ A hyphenated combination of last names

NOTE: You may ***not*** change your ***first name*** using this process. **IMPORTANT:** You ***may not amend the marriage license after it has been issued to add or change the name you wish to be known as after you are married***. The name you indicate on the marriage license application will be your name on the marriage license/certificate and cannot be changed by the County Clerk.

You are not required to change your name, nor are parties required to have the same name.

If one or both parties do not wish to identify a new name on the marriage license, fields 30A thru 31C, as applicable, on the marriage license will be completed with two single dashes. You may not change the information on the marriage license after it has been issued by the County Clerk.

The marriage certificate is used by multiple local, state, federal and private agencies, each of which have different rules and/or regulations regarding what documents are acceptable to change your name on their records following marriage. It is recommended that you contact these agencies to verify their requirements ***prior to applying for your marriage license***.

It is unlawful for our employees to answer questions of a legal nature. County Clerk staff cannot advise you how to complete the marriage license application as it relates to your entry of a new name or retention of your former name on the marriage license application. For your protection, if you have ***any*** questions regarding whether you should or should not list your new name on the marriage license application, and/or how the Name Equality Act of 2007 may affect you, please consult an attorney ***prior to applying for your marriage license***.

See Reverse for Marriage License Application

Marriage License Application

City Ceremony Will Take Place: _____

Date of Ceremony: _____

License Type applying for:

- ☐ Public – \$70.00 (Record will become public record once recorded)
- ☐ Confidential – \$70.00 (Record will be closed, and not opened to public once recorded- must be living together)
- ☐ Other –\$70.00 For Denomination without Clergy (Buddhist, Muslim, Bahai, etc.)

1 st PERSON PERSONAL DATA Optional: <input type="checkbox"/> Bride <input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> None	2 ND PERSON PERSONAL DATA Optional: <input type="checkbox"/> Bride <input type="checkbox"/> Groom <input type="checkbox"/> None
Party A's ID or DL# _____ Exp: _____	Party B's ID or DL# _____ Exp: _____
First Name: _____	First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____	Middle Name: _____
Current Last Name (Family): _____	Current Last Name (If Different): _____
Last Name At Birth (If Different): _____	Last Name at Birth (If Different): _____
Date of Birth: _____ State of Birth: _____	Date of Birth: _____ State of Birth: _____
Number of Previous Marriages/SRDP: _____	Number of Previous Marriages/SRDP: _____
Last Marriage/SRDP Ended By (1): <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment	Last Marriage/SRDP Ended By (1): <input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment
Date Last Marriage/SRDP Ended Month/Day/Year: _____	
Father's Full Name: _____	Date Last Marriage/SRDP Ended Month/Day/Year: _____
Father's State of Birth: _____	Father's Full Name: _____
Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____	Father's State of Birth: _____
Mother's State of Birth: _____	Mother's Full Maiden Name: _____
Party A's Address: _____	Mother's State of Birth: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____	Party B's's Address: _____
County _____	City: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____	County _____
City: _____ Zip: _____	Mailing Address: _____
County: _____	City: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address: _____	Daytime Phone Number: _____
New Middle Name (optional): _____	New Middle Name (optional): _____
New Last Name (optional): _____	New Last Name (optional): _____

We the undersigned declare that all the information above is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We also declare that we have read and understood the information on the reverse side of this form.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Please read reverse side